

presentation of these, at St John's Parish, Cowra.

This Week's Diary

Sunday November 16 The 23rd Sunday after Pentecost	Holy Communion	8:30am
Monday November 17	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer	8:30am 5:00pm
Tuesday November 18	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer	8:30am 5:00pm
Wednesday November 19	Morning Prayer Holy Communion Choir Practice Evening Prayer	8:30am 10:30am 4:30pm 5:00pm
Thursday November 20	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer Parish Council Meeting	8:30am 5:00pm 7:30pm
Friday November 21	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer	8:30am 5:00pm
Saturday November 22	Holy Communion	5:30pm
Sunday November 23 Christ the King	Holy Communion <i>(The 10:30am Service – resumes on 30 November)</i>	8:30am

**Ezekiel 34.11-16, 20-24; Psalm 100; Ephesians 1.15-23;
Matthew 25.31-46**

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Holy Trinity Anglican Church - Orange

To make disciples for Christ, who will make disciples

16 November 2014

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

In last week's Bulletin article I quoted the late Bishop John McIntyre, describing the mission, the calling of every Christian. "It is, he said, "to live under the rule of God; to live in allegiance solely to Jesus Christ." This does not mean that we disregard everybody else, that we do not participate in 'secular' activities or organisations in fear of being 'tainted'. Quite the contrary: "to prefer absolutely nothing to the love of Christ" as St Benedict says, means to be as engaged as possible in the lives of others, in the local community and attentive to social and world issues with the perspective of the very love of God - being 'deus incognito' - being the presence of God in disguise as leaven and salt, faithfully living out our baptismal promises with God's grace, striving to make a difference for good, for peace and reconciliation, for truth and mercy, for inclusion and respect of every human being.

In these last days of the liturgical year before we begin again with Advent Sunday, please take some time in your busy schedules to clarify the aspect of your life, the way of behaving that falls short of what you know deep within you

is either not good for you or for those around you. Self examination is a worthy practice, for by doing so we open ourselves to the scrutiny of God, revealing to us where we need to change and grow; welcoming the new life into which God is leading us.

If we are concerned with what is happening in the world or the direction our nation is being taken, let us begin with ourselves, allowing God to 'form' us in His likeness.

In peace and blessing,

Father Ian

Transitional Priest

Don't Bury Your Talent



To our visitors

Welcome to our parish community.

We hope you are refreshed by your worship here today.

Please stay for a cup of tea after the service if you are able.

Prayer Response:

Lord, in your mercy.

Lord, hear our prayer

In our prayers:

- The Diocese: Bishop Ian Palmer and Liz
- Parishes of Cowra, Cudal, Cumnock, Dubbo and Eugowra
- Our Parish
- Father Ian; Canon Margaret
- Fr Mal and his family
- Peace in Afghanistan, Iraq, Syria, Israel, Gaza and all nations of the Middle East
- Victims of terrorism
- Iraq's Christians; for peace and justice
- Give thanks for our freedom; for all defend it, and those who have done so in the past
- Rain on parched lands
- Those who are travelling
- All who are unwell
- The bereaved

ABM Reflection

Judges 4.1-10; Psalm 123

1 Thessalonians 5.1-11; Matthew 25.14-30

Paul encourages the Thessalonians to remember that the day of the Lord 'will come like a thief in the night'. In this passage full of expectation for the second coming, it is noteworthy that Paul envisions two options. Either one is a person of the day, which requires vigilance and preparation, or one belongs to the night and is oblivious. In a world characterized by growing conflict and harsh economic inequalities, the temptation to be lulled to sleep is great. Whether the second coming is imminent or not, vigilance is required in order to live faithfully in the world.

Pray that we might be 'people of the day'. Pray for the Anglican Church of Kenya, giving thanks for the work they do to further God's mission in the world.

The Orange Social Justice and the Amnesty International Australia groups are co-hosting a free screening of the highly acclaimed documentary of Mary Meets Mohamed, followed by a discussion, as part of a Refugee awareness public meeting. **WHEN:** Wednesday 19 November 2014, 7.30 pm
WHERE: Wesley Uniting Church Parish Centre Hall, Anson Street Orange

The Legal Defence parish Fundraising Committee

continues to plan and seek ideas for further fundraising ideas. **All ideas are welcome.**

Any-one who wishes to hold such a fundraising activity is asked to please speak with a committee member first.

The Committee would also like to hear from any-one who is planning an activity, and to support them with these.

For further information, or to contribute ideas, please contact Anne Holden 6362 3399 or Len Bailey 6360 1072.

MU News

A stall of Christmas 'bits and pieces' will be held following the 8:30am Service on 7th December.

This will be MU's contribution to support the Diocesan Legal Defence.

A great Christmas shopping opportunity!

Peaceful, Central, Quality Retirement Villa – Holy Trinity Village

This is a comfortable 2 bedroom villa set amongst beautifully maintained gardens with only 8 other villas, new paint and carpet. It also features a single garage with internal access.

All enquiries to the Parish Office between 9am and 1pm - 6362 1623.

Spring Fair

THANK-YOU

to Lynne Middleton and her committed team of volunteers who worked so hard very to make the annual Spring Fair such a success. This involved much preparation over a long period of time as well as on the day, and the efforts were well rewarded. A great achievement every-one, and we trust the weary bodies have now rested!



'Homeless' plants after the fair....

Two were left in the Parish Centre. Are they yours. If so, have you been able to collect them?

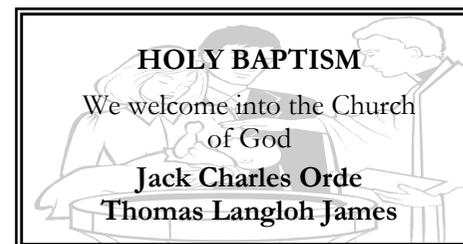
Parish Office

Following Leslie's completion as Office Manager, a recruitment process has taken place. A new appointment has now been made, and details will follow soon.

In the meantime, **THANK-YOU** to the volunteers who are 'holding the fort' in the office during the **regular office hours: 9:00am-1:00pm.** This is a great gift of time and effort.

Please be aware that there will be limitations in the availability of some services during this time, particularly during Canon Margaret's current leave (returning on 20 November).

Pastoral ministry will be available during week days, by contacting Father Ted Evenden 0428 696 249, and at week-ends by contacting Father Ian Crooks 6362



The Service of Commissioning and Installation
of The Rev'd Malcolm Dunnett
as
Rector of Holy Trinity Parish
7:00pm
Tuesday 25th November
Do come and share in the welcome.
Please bring a plate towards the supper which will follow in the Parish Centre.

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Thank-you, Father Ian

Next week-end will be Father Ian's last one with us as the Transitional Priest, a role which has been greatly appreciated across the parish. Please come and join him for **morning tea after the 8:30am Service, on Sunday** and bring a plate.

What are the Ignation First Spiritual Exercises?

If interested in the topic, please see the church notice board for details of a



Baptism Bear Reunion 10:30am, Sunday 30th November

All Baptism Bears are invited

to bring their families and friends to this reunion, to come and enjoy the occasion - which will be followed by a **sausage sizzle.**

This is a great opportunity for the Parish family to share in welcoming these bears, their owners, and their families. Do come.

All welcome.